Statement I

S. No.	Name of the Refinery	State	Capacity (MMTPA)	Investment Proposed (Rs./Crores)	Anticipated Completion Schedule
1	2	3	4	5	6
Public Sector:					
1.	Panipat Refinery	Haryana	6.00	3868.00	Oct.'98
2.	Numaligarh Refinery	Assam	3.00	2497.40 (Revised cost)	March,1999
Joint Venture:					
3.	Central India Refinery	Madhya Pradesh	6.00	5277.00	2000-01
4.	West Coast Refinery	Maharashtra	6.00	4407.00	2000-01
Private Parties:					
5.	M/s Reliance Petroleum Limited	Gujarat	9.00 +6.00	Completion would be governed as per the terms of LOIs. The exact cost estimates of private sector refineries projects are not available with the Govt.	
6.	M/s Essar Investment Limited	Gujarat	9.00		

Statement II

% Capacity utilisation

Name of the Refinery	1996-97	1997-98
IOC	102.4	107.0
HPC	113.8	88.5
BPC	127.3	133.3
MRL	99.5	107.4
CRL	97.2	103.1
BRPL	66.7	73.1
MRPL	97.0	128.8

Kandlla-Bhatinda Pipeline

3327. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to State:

(a) the contingency plan evolved to ward off shortage of diesel and cooking gas in the Northern Region on account of cyclone hit Kandla port; and

(b) by when Kandla-Bhatinda pipe-line would start normal functioning?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR): (a) The following actions have been planned and taken to ward off shortage of diesel, LPG and other petroleum products in the Northern Region on account of the cyclone-hit Kandla port:—

(i) Maximization of indigenous production.

(ii) Road/rail movement of POL products maximized to the Northern Region from alternate sources.

(iii) A Task Force has been constituted by MoP&NG for reviewing the situation periodically.

(iv) The situation is being closely monitored for ensuring expeditious restoration of port facilities at Kandla. Most of the POL handling facilities at Kandla have already been restored, except LPG. Major distribution channel from Kandla, namely, Kandla-Bhatinda Pipeline, has become fully operational and rail and road dispatch has also commenced ex-Kandla.

(v) Augmentation of LPG imports at Mangalore.

(vi) Augmentation of imports of POL products through other ports.

(vii) Pegging per capita LPG consumption at last year's average.

(viii) The Railways have been requested to accord white hot priority for movement of LPG rakes ex-Mumbai and Uran to North-West.

(b) Pumping in Kandla-Bhatinda Pipeline started on 22.6.1998 and normal pumping was resumed on 23.6.1998.

Conversion of Eastern Regional Division of ONGC Into Subsidiary Company

3328. SHRI PARAG CHALIHA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to State:

(a) whether Government are considering conversion of Eastern regional division of Oil and Natural Gas Corporation into a 100 per cent subsidiary company of ONGC with a separate Board of Directors;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

Production and Projected availability of Gas in Assam

3329. SHRI PARAG CHALIHA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to State:

(a) the gap between actual production of gas from ONGC fields in Assam in 1998 and projected availability in 1998 as projected in 1987 and 1990 as per Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas's record;

(b) the details fo existing units and projects in the State affected by the shortfall in projected availability of gas;

(c) the extent of adverse impact of shortfall of gas on sanctioned capacity of different units; and

(d) the manner in which the said adverse impact on existing units and proposed projects is proposed to be handled?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR): (a) The gap between the actual production of gas from ONGC fields in Assam in 1998 and availability for 1998 as projected in 1990 is one million standard cubic meters per day (MMSCMD).

(b) and (c) The current requirement of the existing consumers in Assam is being met. However, there could be a shortfall when these consumers would be in a position to draw gas to the full extent of their allocation.

(d) ONGC has been directed to step up its exploration efforts in Assam.

मथुरा तेल शोधक कारखाने का विस्तार

3330. **श्री मनोहर कान्त ध्यानी:** क्या पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि मथुरा तेल शोधक कारखाने का विस्तार किया गया है;

(ख) क्या इस विस्तार के लिए संसद की स्वीकृति प्राप्त हो गयी है;